

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OCTOBER 30, 2017  
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at the Rome Community Center in Rome. Selectmen LaBelle, Stratton were present; Selectman Charles arrived at 6:14 p.m. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Kimberly Brooks, Abby DiPietro, Tammy Lyons, and Ed Pearl, Jr.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stratton/LaBelle        Motion to accept minutes for October 16, 2017 selectmen's meeting  
LaBelle, Stratton in favor (2-0)

Town Clerk Abby DiPietro provided an update on the status of her office. She also spoke regarding the recent expansion of office hours. The transition is going well, but the public may not be aware of the new hours. The office will continue to cross-train in order to fully meet the needs of the public. Selectman Stratton inquires as to the status of appointing Kimberly Brooks as Deputy Town Clerk, as this is necessary in order to legally complete certain tasks. Town Clerk DiPietro stated that she did not know this was necessary, but that it wouldn't be a problem.

The Town Clerk inquires as to whether or not the budget was flexible in order to expand bulletin boards at the Town Office and rehabilitate the board at Eastside Fire Station. She would also like to purchase an all-in-one printer so that she did not have to use the printer in the Selectmen's Office. The Board suggests planning on such purchases next year.

The Town Clerk recent attended training on elections conducted by Deputy Secretary of State Julie Flynn.

The Code Enforcement Officer is not present, but provided a written report to the Board of Selectmen. Under the advice of our municipal attorney, the Board is recommended to complete a finding of facts related to the DiPietro junkyard permit denial. The resulting motions support the written documentation that will be added to the record.

Charles/Stratton        Motion to find the junkyard not in compliance with Item #1 of the Findings.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles        Motion to find the junkyard not in compliance with Item #2 of the Findings.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles        Motion to find the junkyard not in compliance with Item #3 of the Findings.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles        Motion to find Item #4 of the Findings to be not applicable to the application.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles        Motion to find the junkyard not in compliance with Item #5 of the Findings.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

- Stratton/Charles      Motion to find the junkyard not in compliance with Item #6 of the Findings.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles      Motion to find the junkyard not in compliance with Item #7 of the Findings.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles      Motion to find the junkyard not in compliance with Item #8 of the Findings.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles      Motion to find the junkyard not in compliance with Item #9 of the Findings.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle calls for a motion made from a member of the prevailing party to overturn the initial denial motion. This allows the opportunity for the Board of Selectmen to change its ruling made on October 16, 2017. As the Board voted unanimously to deny the permit, any member can ask that the Board reconsider the vote. There is no motion made; the October 16, 2017 vote to deny the permit stands.

- Charles/Stratton      The meeting be adjourned.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks  
Assistant to the Selectmen